Work turned out by the Conciliation Officers.

9. * **Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications for conciliation of debts that have been received by the several Conciliation Officers till 30-1-1118;

(*b*) in how many of them have amicable settlements been effected;

(*c*) how many applications have been rejected;

(*d*) what amount has been spent on account of these offices inclusive of the pay of the officers; and

(*e*) what the revenue is from these offices?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: Does the Government propose to continue the Conciliation Boards?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know how many certificates have been issued by these Conciliation Boards?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: About six certificates have been issued.

Mr. K. M. Kora: Is there any proposal to extend the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Conciliation Officers?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, Sir, it is under consideration.

Work assigned to the Director of Public Information.

10. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** Will the Government be pleased to state the actual work now assigned to the Director of Public Information?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Director of Information serves as a link between Government and the Press. He is the channel through which official information is normally given to the Public Press and the trend of public opinion as reflected in the Public Press is reported to Government. He is to issue communiques, press notes, etc, about Government activities and also correct any false information which may appear in the Press. He is entrusted with correspondence relating to newspapers under the Newspapers Regulation and the Copyright Regulation. An important part of his work is to try and secure adequate publicity for the State in India and abroad.

* *Vide* Appendix II Page.—19.]

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Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 9**

Work turned out by the Conciliation Officers.

Name of the Conciliation Board.	The number of applications for conciliation of debts that have been received by the several conciliation officers till 30-1-1113.	In how many of them amicable settlements have been effected.	How many applications have been rejected.	What amount has been spent on account of these offices inclusive of the pay of the officers.			What the revenue is from these offices.		
				Rs.	ch.	c.	Rs.	ch.	c.
Nagercoil	178	..	55	1,233	20	5	497	6	0
Trivandrum	66	..	21	1,140	14	15	292	12	0
Quilon	87	..	14	1,039	2	12	256	11	8
Alleppey	66	4	32	1,678	21	9	218	17	0
Changanachery	25	1	8	543	0	0	40	8	0
Kottayam I. (Chief Conciliation office)	59	..	9	1,703	11	3	63	8	8
Kottayam II.	31	..	14	3 847	27	4	70	10	8
Muvattupuzha	33	3	22	1,511	9	0	89	5	0
Total	545	8	175	12,704	23	0	1,527	22	8